To. The Bridport Rural District Council.

From. Wallace R.M.

Gentlemen

I have the honour to submit to you my Report as Medical Officer for the year ending December 31st 1904.

Area of District, 30,899 Acres.

Population (1901 Census), 6,998
estimated to middle of 1904, 6900.

Births - Registered 130, equal to a rate of 18.6 per 1000

Deaths - Registered - 84, equal to a rate of 12.01 per 1000

Average Age at Death - 50 years, 4 months

Zymotic Rate . 001 per 1000

Infant Mortality ~~92~~, 84.6

Prevalence of Disease and Notification.
Diphtheria 5, Erysipelas 1, Scarlet Fever 2, Enteric Fever 1.
This is the ~~smallest~~ lowest number of notifications received since the Act came into force in the District on December the 1st 1892.

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The Cases of Diphtheria occurred at Burton Bradstock
And were removed to the Isolation Hospital as soon
as possible with the exception of the first case
when the Hospital was not completed-
The Erysipelas Case requires no comment-
Of the Scarlet Fever Cases- One occurred at Shipton
Gorge in a Cottage with no means of Isolation
And was removed at once to the Isolation Hospital
The other Case occurred at Watton the ~~extreme~~
extreme end of the District, ~~in a House~~ ~~is an Isolated~~
in a House with no other Children in an Isolated
position and in which proper Isolation and
Disinfection etc could be properly carried out-
The Case of Enteric Fever occurred at Freshwater
before the Isolation Hospital was completed-
The Milk showed nothing in the Bacteriological Analysis
to indicate it being capable of infecting with Typhoid
Fever. The drinking Water was of somewhat doubtful
organic purity but on Analysis the organic matter
present was of the nature to vegetable than Animal
origin. ~~(The well which had previously~~
The Open well was at once cleaned out and
covered in which rectified the impurity.
~~In the Case of~~ ~~Two Cases~~ In the Event of Cases of
Infectious Disease occurring in Farm Houses
Dairy Houses or Houses which supply Milk or butter
none is allowed to be sent out- until the
Premises are free from Infection-
~~On account of the Cases of Diphtheria and some cases~~
~~of~~ On account of an Epidemic of Measles at Burton
Bradstock I advised the closure of the Day and
Sunday Schools for three weeks from March 28th-

On July the 14th on account of an Epidemic of Measles in the village of Bottenhampton I advised the closure of the Day and Sunday Schools for 3 weeks

Water Supply—

All new Houses erected in the District require a Certificate of Water Supply (suitable and sufficient) before occupation.
Analyses of waters have been made in five cases and found unfit for dietetic purposes in two—
Analyses of waters from the Chidcock and Charmouth Supply have been taken and both found excellent for dietetic use—

Sewerage and Drainage, Excrement Disposal—

As regards Sewerage and Drainage which is carried out under the direct supervision of the Sanitary Inspector a considerable amount of work has been done as regards house drains, privies, removal of nuisances—etc as seen by the Return relating to Sanitary Work.
Excrement is disposed of by means of Privies—~~Earth Closets~~ Earth Closets and Water Closets.

Isolation Hospital, means for disinfection—etc

There is a fully Equipped Isolation Hospital ~~for the District with four wards—and~~ consisting with 4 wards & separate for the use of the District with an Ambulance for the removal of patients from their homes to the Hospital.
A Disinfector is also on the Hospital Premises for the use of the ~~District~~—Hospital and District—
~~Disinfection is carried out~~

Use Station Change—

disinfection etc is carried out under the direct supervision
of the Sanitary Inspector by Sulphur and Formalin
Fumigation. Washing Walls, furniture etc, with a
1 per 1000 Sublimate Solution - and the infected room
are lime-washed, And all suitable disinfectants
are supplied by the Council.
Bed, bedding, clothes etc are disinfected at the
the Hospital disinfector. if not are burnt -

Housing of the Working Classes
Fairly good and Considerable, up to the average of
Similar Rural districts -

There are no Common Lodging Houses registered in the Dist

~~With~~ Byelaws - With respect to New Streets and
buildings, Cleansing of Footways, Slaughter Houses
Dairies, Cowsheds ~~and~~ Milkshops and Bake Houses
are in force in the district, and their condition
reported to you by myself and Sanitary Inspector,
at your Monthly Meetings, as required -

~~Factory~~ Factories and Workshops -
As required by the Factory and Workshops Act 1901.
I have with the Sanitary Inspector visited the factories
and found that the matters which pertain to the Council
as regards the means of escape in case of fire were satisfactor
And the Sanitary Conveniences were also suitable & sufficien
The Factory Act does not much affect this district
the Bake Houses were satisfactory. There are no underground
ones. A Table referring to the Factory Act as well as
Tabular Statements of the Sickness and Mortality
in the district during the Year are enclosed

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